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AN  
ORDINANCE  
OF THE  
Lords and Commons  
Assembled in  
PARLIAMENT,  
FOR THE  
EXPLANATION  
OF  
A former Ordinance for the taking  
and receiving of the  
ACCOMPTS  
OF THE  
KINGDOM.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and published.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons  
in Parliament assembled, for the Explana-  
tion of a former Ordinance for the taking  
and receiving the Accompts of the King-  
dome.

**W**hereas upon the former Ordinance  
of both Houses of Parliament, for  
taking the Accompts of the Kingdome, some  
doubt doth arise, whether there be sufficient pow-  
er given the Committee named in that Ordi-  
nance, by the expresse words thereof, to determine  
any Accompts by them taken, and to receive and  
keep the vouchers which concern the same Ac-  
compts; And whereas the Subcommittees  
to be appointed by them by virtue of the said Or-  
dinance, in any County, City, or place where  
they shall thinke meet, have the selfe same pow-

er given them, within their severall limmits as the said Committee hath, and are not appointed to receive any directions from, or to returne any Accompts unto them, which will prove inconvenient, and hinder the orderly taking of the said Accompts by the said Committee.

Be it therefore Ordained by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That the said Committee or any five or more of them, shall have power and authority to determine the Accompts by them taken, to give discharges in writing under the hands of any five or more of them, and to receive and keepe all Vouchers which concerne the same; And that all and every Sub-committees, appointed or to be appointed by vertue of the said Ordinance, shall pursue such Directions as they shall from time to time receive from the said Committee of Accompts, for the better Ordering and expediting of their Accompts, and likewise to returne unto them all and singular Accompts which shall be taken by them before the same shall be finally determined. And because a true Accompt cannot be taken,



of such Monies as are payed unto the Armes,  
Officers, and Souldiers in the severall Garrisons,  
Cities, and Counties of the Kingdome, except  
exact Musters be duly made and kept, of the  
said forces, And Accompts taken of the Armes, &  
Horse in the severall Counties aforesaid.

It is hereby further Ordained, That the severall  
Committees of Parliament, or such or so  
many of them as have power to execute the severall  
Ordinances in the said Counties, Cities,  
and Garrisons, shall from time to time hereafter,  
every moneth at the least, or oftner if they shall  
see cause, take particular Musters, and keepe  
true Muster Rolls of all the Officers and Souldiers  
by name, now being or hereafter to be raised  
within the said severall Counties, Cities, and  
Garrisons where they are authorized as Committees  
of Parliament: And that all Colonells, Captaines,  
and Officers, within the said Armes, Counties,  
Cities, and Garrisons raised or to be raised,  
shall from time to time, make good all  
Horses and Armes under their severall Commands,  
unto the said severall Committees of  
Parliament,

Parliament, in the said severall Counties, Citties, and Garrisons aforesaid unless the same were lost in actual service; And the said severall Committees of Parliament shall returne the said Muster Rolls, or true notes of all the Musters aforesaid, and certifie all the defects therein and of Armes and Horse aforesaid unto the Committee for the accompts of the Kingdome, or unto the severall Sub-Committees of accompts in the severall Counties of the Kingdome, which the same Sub-Committees shall return up unto the said Committee of accompts in manner and form aforesaid, to the end that satisfaction may be made unto the Common-wealth for such losse of Horse and Armes out of the said Officers pay. And that all fines to be imposed by vertue of the said Ordinance of Accompts, and all such sums of mony as the said Committee of Accompts, or any two of them shall certifie to be due, and owing by any person or persons upon their said accompts determined by them, shall be paid into the Chamber of London, and shall not be issued out but by Orders of both Houses, which Orders shall bee before



first entred with the said Committee of accompts,  
 before any money be payed upon the same, other  
 then arrears of such monies as by particular Acts  
 of Parliament and Ordinances, are limited to par-  
 ticular Treasurers, nominated in the said Acts of  
 Parliament and Ordinances, which shall be pay-  
 ed into the the said Treasurers. And be it fur-  
 ther Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, that  
 such sum and summes of money as the said Com-  
 mittee, or any fife of them shall finde necessary for  
 the paying and satisfying of the Registers,  
 Accomptants, Clerkes, Agents, and Ministers,  
 imploied by them or otherwise, for defraying any  
 Charges for taking the said Accompts, shall be  
 payed out of the Chamber of London aforesaid,  
 whensoever the said Committee or any fife of  
 them shall require the same, for which they shall  
 keep and give a true and perfect accompt under  
 their hands in writing, and that according to' an  
 Order of the thirteenth of March, two hundred  
 pound shall be forthwith paid unto the said Com-  
 mittee for Accompts.

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and entered with the said Committee of accounts, before any money be paid upon the same, other than arrears of such money as by particular Statute of Parliament and Ordinances are limited to particular Treasurers, nominated in the said Statute of Parliament and Ordinances, which shall be paid into the said Treasurers, And be it further ordained by the said Statute, that the sum and number of money as the said Committee of accounts shall think necessary for the paying and satisfying of the Treasurers, Accomptants, Clerks, Agents, and Officers, employed by them or otherwise, for defraying any charges for taking the said Accompts, shall be paid out of the Chamber of London at least, notwithstanding the said Committee or any like of them shall require the same, for which they shall receive and give a true and perfect receipt under their hands in writing, and that according to the Order of the Privy Council of March, then published, there shall be forthwith paid unto the said Committee for Accompts.

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